



Public Safety, Housing & Transportation Committee Meeting

Rampart Village Neighborhood Council
155 N. Occidental Blvd. Suite 236
Los Angeles, CA 90026



Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 2:30 P.M.
Agenda

Philip Armstrong, Chair | Vice Chair, Vacant
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The Mission of the Public Safety, Housing and Transportation Committee shall be to serve as the primary RVNC entity for Public Safety, Housing and Transportation issues and policies planning. It shall provide assistance to Stakeholders seeking solutions that could mitigate safety issues and will address emergency preparedness, homelessness, housing opportunities, traffic, and transportation issues in the RVNC neighborhood.

IN CONFORMITY WITH THE OCTOBER 6, 2023 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 411 (PORTANTINO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL ON NOVEMBER 1, 2023, THE RAMPART VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Meeting Access Information

Internet: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85161232288> | Telephone: 669.900.6833 | Mtg. ID: 851 6123 2288 (No Password Required)

- I. **Call to Order** (0 Min.)
- II. **Roll Call and Adoption of Outstanding Minutes** (0 Min.)
- III. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes per speaker)** (0 Min.)
- IV. **Discussion and Possible Action on the following Motions & Resolutions:** (0 Min.)
 - A. **Old Business with Follow-up Actions Planned**
 1. Discussion and possible action to follow-up on the Central LA virtual community workshop to develop a community-driven action plan to improve walking and biking safety focusing on neighborhood schools of Commonwealth Avenue ES, Frank Del Olmo, and Lafayette Park PC. We heard from Margot Ocanas, LADOT’s Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Director that the SRTS plan for those schools and a total of 21 schools in the area was funded for \$32 million in CalTrans Active Transportation Program, Cycle 6. At our January 24 PSHT Committee meeting, we voted to recommend to the Executive Committee to agendize for the February 20 General Board meeting for the RVNC to approve supporting the Bimini Plaza between 1st Street and Whitehouse Place as a car-free plaza developed by LADOT and supported by CD 13 and other organizations.
 2. Discussion and possible action on supporting follow-up to the first Play Street event, which occurred on September 9 as part of the 100-year anniversary of Commonwealth Avenue Elementary in Historic Filipinotown. There’s more about Play Streets here: <https://laplaystreets.com/> Let’s discuss having the next Play Street event at St. Anne’s in the spring. At our January 24 committee meeting, Alissa said she would report back on what we would like the Play Street event to be.
 3. Discussion and possible action regarding safety around the Value charter schools located at 240 N. Madison Avenue and 221 N. Westmoreland. At the October 17, 2023, General Board meeting, David Nguyen from the Mayor’s Office of Community Engagement, reported that over 100 people were relocated from encampments to interim housing through Inside Safe, a citywide, voluntary, proactive housing-led strategy to bring people inside from tents and encampments, and to prevent encampments from returning, on October 11 and 12.
 4. Discussion and possible action regarding concerns raised by Carolyn Burleson about the existing conditions of the 100 block of S. Occidental Boulevard. She has reported

through My311, but nothing has been done. In addition, the alley between Beverly Boulevard and 3rd Street has deep potholes that have gotten worse since the rains. She has requested repairs since November, but nothing has been done. At our May 23, 2023 Committee meeting, we discussed that we will wait for the Council Offices for CD 1 and CD 13 to respond before we take any action. Philip said we learned from Javier Solis, Superintendent of Recreation and Parks Maintenance Operations, that the Occidental medians belong to Public Works/Urban Forestry Landscape Div. At our March 19 General Board meeting, Diana Vicente, CD 1 Field Representative, told us that they want to bring to us a proposal for their Climate Fellows to plant native vegetation in the Occidental medians.

5. Discussion and possible action on the HCID rollout of a database of all low-income housing created in projects using Density Bonus or Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) incentives. In response to our analysis showing some building permits being issued to projects that ostensibly did not appear on Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD)'s list of covenanted projects, LAHD completed a review of those projects with final permits issued and asked LADBS to provide information regarding LADBS' receipt of LAHD clearance for low income units. This data visualization reflects collaboration between the RVNC PSHT Committee and LAHD to fill the data gaps for covenants for those projects with final permits issued: [extract of join of covenants-permits and discretionary approvals 4.20.23 5.23.23 APN | Tableau Public](#) As discussed on January 24, Philip participated in the Budget Advocates' meeting with LADBS on January 30. At that meeting, the LADBS reps agreed to consider giving us a spreadsheet for 1649 project submittals received by their Affordable Housing Section, having a performance metric for Permits Issued for Housing Projects with Low Income Housing Units, and possibly having the section chief over their Affordable Housing Section provide the response that Philip would need. For the slides from LAHD's April 19, 2022, presentation to the committee, please see the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hpb4YXRvA0nfw_55Lxg6srQJqNnSDoGq/view?usp=sharing
6. Discussion and possible action to address resumption of PATH Neighborhood Watch Committee meetings. On October 17, Zeke Sandoval, PATH's Public Policy Manager informed Philip that he's looking forward to attending our meeting soon to talk more about PATH's expanded outreach work in CD13 and the Neighborhood Watch Committee.

B. Old Business with no Follow-up Actions Planned

1. Discussion and possible action regarding a map of existing and proposed electric vehicle charging stations within the Rampart Village boundaries: <https://www.google.com/maps/search/electric+vehicle+charging+stations/@34.0671969,-118.2877427,15z/data=!3m1!4b1> From our April 26 PSHT Committee meeting, Lara suggested St. Anne's as a proposed location. Other locations included Mijoo Peace Church parking lot, the LAUSD parking lot on First Street, First and Virgil Streets, and between Bimini and Westmoreland on the north or south side of First Street. Sylvia Beltran at LADWP said they build charging stations for their fleet, LADWP employees, and the public to use at LADWP properties, including a few curbside power poles. LADWP also provides funds to other Departments toward infrastructure on other City properties and the public right-of-way (LADOT's BlueLA curbside chargers, BSL for street lights). The vast majority of charging stations will be deployed on private properties, like the ones suggested by Neighborhood Councils. LADWP provides incentives through their rebate programs to accelerate deployments. She suggested that the Neighborhood Council could facilitate charger installations at the locations they've identified by connecting the property owners with third-party installers familiar with their program. Many businesses are able to propose installations at no cost provided the property owner agrees to assign over to the installer the LADWP rebate.
2. Discussion and possible action on whether to approve a letter of support for a preferential parking district within the RVNC boundaries. Please see the following link for some details: <https://ladotparking.azurewebsites.net/permits/ppd-permits/>
3. Discussion and possible action to address the need for a higher percentage of affordable units in projects being built with density bonuses. Please see the following link regarding a presentation at the LA Planning Alliance's March 2022

meeting on managing the price of land through inclusionary zoning:

<https://youtu.be/yNsdotc16p4>

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the presentation by Robert Sakaguchi, Store Manager at Vons, at the RVNC Board regarding such subjects as:
 - a. re-configuring their parking lot at the #16 bus stop to allow more sidewalk space and an actual bus shelter; and
 - b. re-instating the outdoor sun-umbrellaed tables.
5. Discussion and possible action to endorse and consider implementing in the RVNC paying people to get rid of their cars. Please see the following link for details: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/realestate/what-if-joe-biden-paid-you-to-get-out-of-your-car/ar-AAV32gg> Lois asked previously that we come back to this item.

C. New Business

1. Discussion and possible action to approve a plan for PSHT Committee meeting organization and scheduling, including inviting guests, interpretation, meeting venue and recording (including scheduling in-person, Zoom, or hybrid meetings), and ordering and picking up food and beverages and eating utensils. On January 24, the PSHT Committee approved moving our meetings to the first Tuesday of the month and having the meetings on Zoom unless an item comes up where we want to meet in-person. Then, on February 7, the Committee changed the meeting date to the first Wednesday.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training scheduled for 2.5 hour/week x 7-week class at 4:30 PM on Wednesdays, April 24 to June 5, at New Village Girls Academy located at 147 N Occidental Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026 and follow-on to that training. We need to publicize the training, sign up people to train, and plan for the training. Charter schools looking to strengthen their schools' emergency protocols for both charter renewals and district oversight meetings should consider participating in the CERT training hosted by LAFD. At our February 20 General Board meeting, a motion was passed to approve continuing to work with LAFD and New Village Girls Academy to complete the planning for the Community Emergency Response Team training, including selection of the trainees from those who apply, and explore the requirements for forming a Neighborhood Team. We need to have a plan for how to welcome and orient to the Neighborhood Team approach the participants for this training on April 24. For more information, please see the following link to the CERT participant manual: https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2019.CERT_Basic_PM_FINAL_508c.pdf
3. Discussion and possible action to follow up with CD 10 and Department of Recreation and Parks about the upgradation of Shatto center Badminton court (uphill). At our March 19 General Board meeting, Jungmin Lee, CD 10 Deputy of Constituent Services (Koreatown), informed us they are planning an LAMC 41.18 cleanup at Shatto Recreation Center where four individuals keep returning. This is planned to be a Care Plus comprehensive cleanup and engagement with LAPD and mental health services. In addition, they are doing a cost analysis to renovate the park and reduce crime. They will turn off the lighting after hours to deter people from playing late into the night and the Vice unit will reduce response times for neighbors who complain about noise.
4. Discussion and possible action regarding how we can effectively partner with Caltrans on its Clean California Community Days of Action, a statewide call-to-action event. Caltrans is bringing this wonderful community-led clean-up movement back in 2024 and encouraging us to join them again this year by organizing a clean-up in our community. This year the event will be held between April 19 – 22, 2024 and is being organized by Sagent Marketing. Philip reached out to Alin Rangel at KYCC for their support and, at our February 20 General Board meeting, the RVNC approves partnering with KYCC and Caltrans to conduct a cleanup event on April 20 as part of its Clean California Community Days of Action. We expect to hear from Bresee whether we can use their parking lot and we need to organize the cleanup efforts, especially who is going to be there to orchestrate the event on the day of.
5. Discussion and possible action to review the lessons learned, actions taken, and solutions found regarding the safe route to school at 200 N Vermont Avenue. At our February 20 General Board meeting, a motion was passed to approve a letter of support to LADOT, CD 13, LAUSD, and/or other parties to advocate for

implementation of temporary safety measures and infrastructure to ensure a safe route to school from the Vermont/Beverly Metro Station for students and the safe passage of other pedestrians and users of the public right of way during the weeks-long closure of the sidewalk on the east side of Vermont Avenue between Council Street and the Citibank at 270 N Vermont Avenue. Also, at that meeting, Michael Batistick of CD 13 reported they were waiting on a response from LADOT and they had elevated the service request at Street Services Department. Laila Molina subsequently informed us that Bureau of Street Services and LADOT coordinated to implement a traffic control plan to ensure everyone's safety. A safe passage was opened adjacent to the sidewalk on February 23 and we are currently assessing best practices to avoid this kind of hazardous situation occurring elsewhere. Based on this experience, the next time a project like this comes before the board that may need a permit to close the sidewalk we can ask them what provision they will make for safe passage during the closure if it involves a school.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the Rampart Village Neighborhood Council District Street Tree Inventory Summary Report. At our February 7 PSHT Committee meeting, Lois said she will discuss with the Trees Committee and the RVNC's PPPWLU Committee the idea of asking our stakeholders about streets in the RVNC where they could take away one parking lane to allow for planting trees in parking lanes that the community doesn't need. Different cities have tried different options for doing this to mitigate climate change. Jennifer said perhaps, as a way of selling this idea, focus on those streets that have a congregation of RVs and utilize that space differently to curb folks with questionable motivations from parking RVs there. At our March 6 committee meeting, Lois said she will discuss with the Trees Committee the idea of asking our stakeholders about streets in the RVNC where they could take away one parking lane to allow for planting trees in parking lanes that the community doesn't need. Please see the following link for details:
<https://streetsla.lacity.org/sites/default/files/Rampart%20Village%2020220812.pdf>
7. Discussion and possible action to recommend approval of a community impact statement for Council File 23-1027 regarding City Charter Reform, currently in the Ad Hoc Committee on City Governance Reform. This community impact statement would focus on RVNC priorities. Ronee, as our LANNC representative, said he would review what LANNC has done on this and Lorenzo told us he will check with his leadership on whether DONE currently has the capacity to directly provide administrative support to Neighborhood Councils or whether they would want to ask for that authority through the Charter Reform. Please see DONE'S report on City Charter amendments at the following link:
https://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2023/23-1027_rpt_DONE_01-22-24.pdf.
8. Discussion and possible action to support LA Metro in the early planning phase of the [Vermont Transit Corridor Project](#). Metro wants to work with our Neighborhood Council and will provide a project briefing at our April 16 General Board meeting. The session aims to provide insights into project goals and benefits and address questions.

D. Set agenda and day and time for next PSHT Committee meeting. Next meeting: 2:30 PM on Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

V. Stakeholder Suggested Future PSHT Agenda Items.

(0 Min.)

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment

Time allocations for agenda items are approximate and may be shortened or lengthened at the discretion of the presiding officer. The presiding officer may take items out of order. All items on the agenda are possible action items and subject to a Community Impact Statement (CIS) filing to the City Clerk's Office.

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